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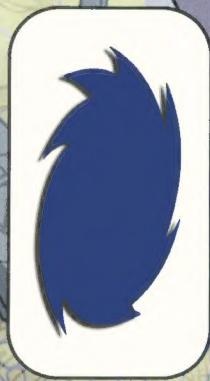


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SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

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After ten long years, the iron-fisted rule of DOCTOR ROBOTNIK over planet MOBIUS was believed to have finally ended! With the technological tyrant vanquished and his polluted factories shut down, order and beauty were restored to the city of MOBOTROPOLIS. Now the villain has returned to wreak havoc once more, but there are many who are willing to stand against him in the fight for freedom. The bravest among them is a brash, blue streak who just happens to be the fastest thing alive! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!



family matters

chapter one

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...AND I CAN'T WAIT
TO SEE WHAT'S BEEN
SHAKIN' SINCE WE LEFT!

LIKE, WHOA!
WHAT'RE ALL THOSE
LIGHTS UP AHEAD?

I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT--

I WISH I
COULD WELCOME YOU
BACK UNDER BETTER
CIRCUMSTANCES, SIR SONIC, BUT THAT WON'T
BE POSSIBLE.

--IT'S
KING MAX!

I'M NOT FOLLOWIN', YOUR
HIGHNESS! WHAT'S UP WITH
THE KING-SIZED ARMY?

I INTEND TO
STORM DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK'S
FORTRESS.

WHY, DAD?
WHAT HAPPENED
WHILE WE WERE
GONE?

SALLY...PRINCESS...
YOUR BROTHER HAS
BEEN CAPTURED BY
ROBOTNIK'S SHADOW-
BOTS...

"I DIDN'T WISH TO TELL YOU BEFORE YOU DEPARTED, BUT YOUR MOTHER'S ILLNESS HAD WORSENED."

"ELIAS OVERHEARD DOCTOR QUACK INFORM ME OF THE BAD NEWS."

"HE LATER SNUCK PAST THE ROYAL GUARD, TRAVELED TO ROBOTROPOLIS..."

"...AND SOMEHOW MANAGED TO INFILTRATE ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS."

"ONCE INSIDE, HE LOCATED A SINGLE VIAL CONTAINING A METALLIC LIQUID AND SMUGGLED IT AWAY."

"BUT THE SHADOW-BOTS SOON CAUGHT ON AND CHASED ELIAS ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE GREAT FOREST!"

"YOUR BROTHER MANAGED TO PASS HIS CARGO TO A GIRL NEAR THE GREAT OAK'S ENTRANCE..."

"...BEFORE BEING TAKEN PRISONER."

"ELIAS HAD TOLD THE GIRL TO BRING THE MYSTERIOUS LIQUID TO QUEEN ALICIA..."

"...AND SHE QUICKLY OBEYED."

"QUACK AND HIS MEDICAL TEAM INJECTED IT INTO YOUR MOTHER'S SYSTEM..."

"...AND NOW SHE'S UNDERGOING INTENSIVE SURGERY."

"WELL, THANKS FOR THE TIMELY RECAP, DAD!"

"WELL... ER... UHH..."

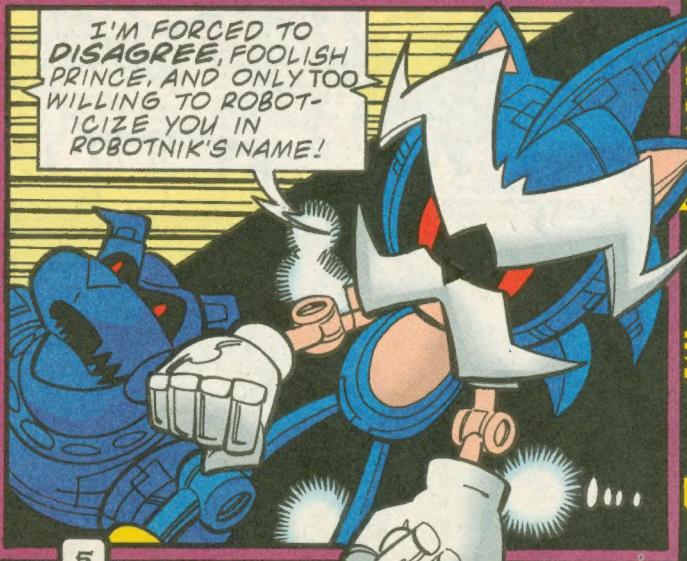
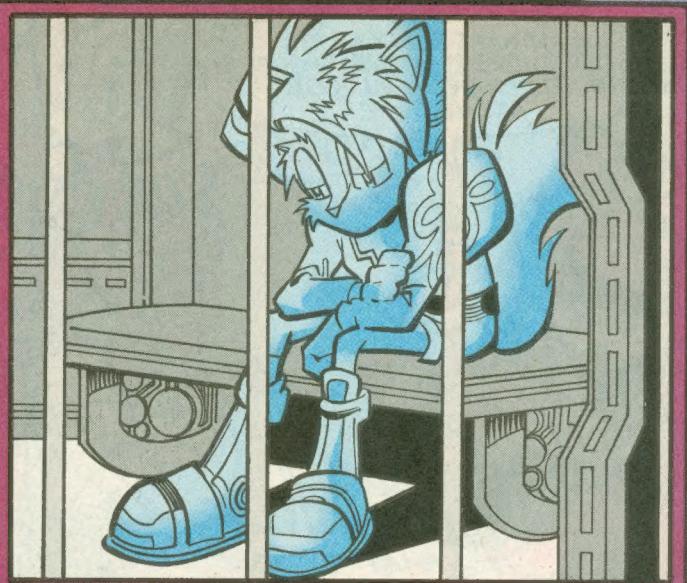
"SAL! WAITASEC..."

"YOU'D BEST LEAVE HER BE FOR NOW, SONIC..."

"...THE SECRET SERVICE AND I COULD REALLY USE YOUR HELP ON THIS MISSION!"

"UHH... SURE THING, ST. JOHN..."





KNOTHOLE KINGDOM...

LIEUTENANT D'COOLETTE,
YOUR CURRENT INJURY FORCES
ME TO REMOVE YOU FROM
ACTIVE DUTY.

WHAZ! BUT YOUR
HEINY--SURELY MY AB-
SENCE WILL JEOPARDIZE
ZEE MISSION'S SUCCESS,
NON?!

DON'T WORRY,
ANTOINE--I'LL SIT THIS
ONE OUT WITH YA!

IT'S GOOD
TO HAVE YOU
BACK, SON!

IT'S GOOD
TO BE BACK!
DAD--HOPE
YOU AND MOM
DIDN'T MISS
ME TOO MUCH!

THE PAST
WEEK FELT
LIKE SIX
MONTHS!

WORD
TO SONIC'S
MOTHER...

ARE YOU
AND TAILS
READY,
SONIC?

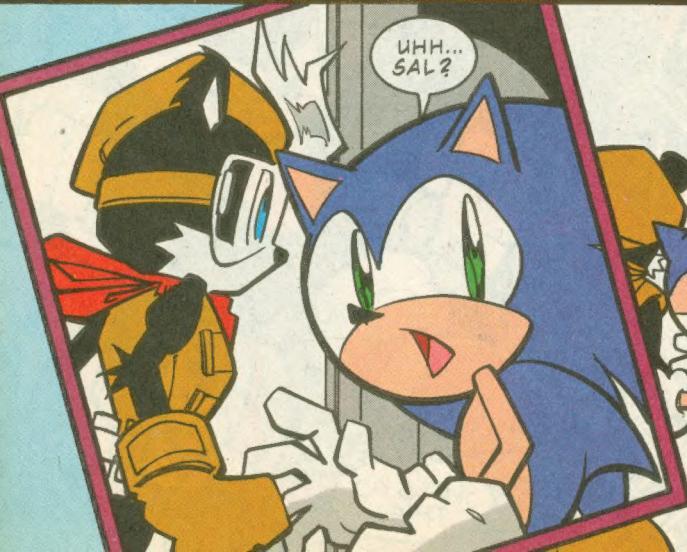
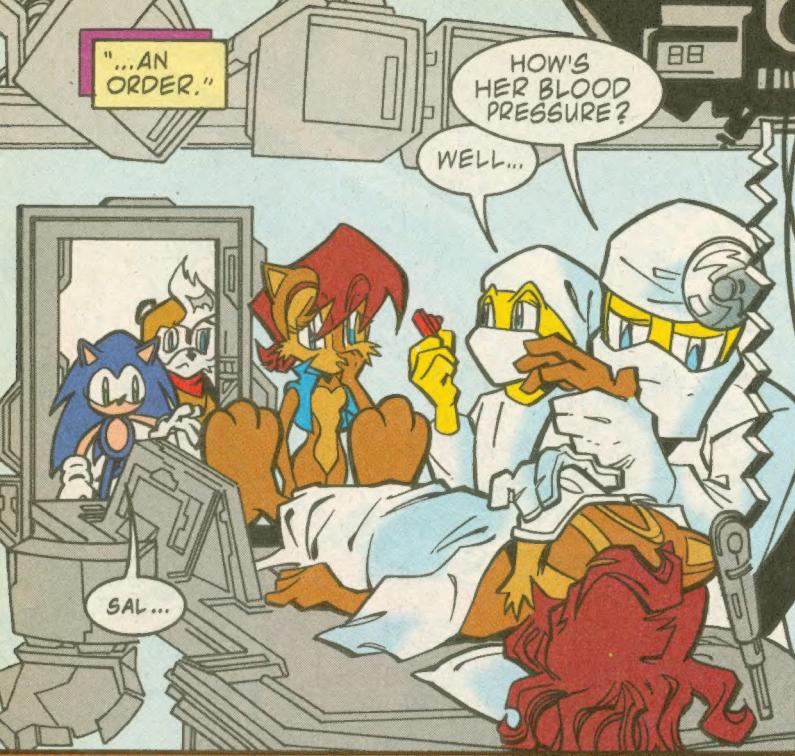
EVER
READY.
LET'S
BOOGIE.

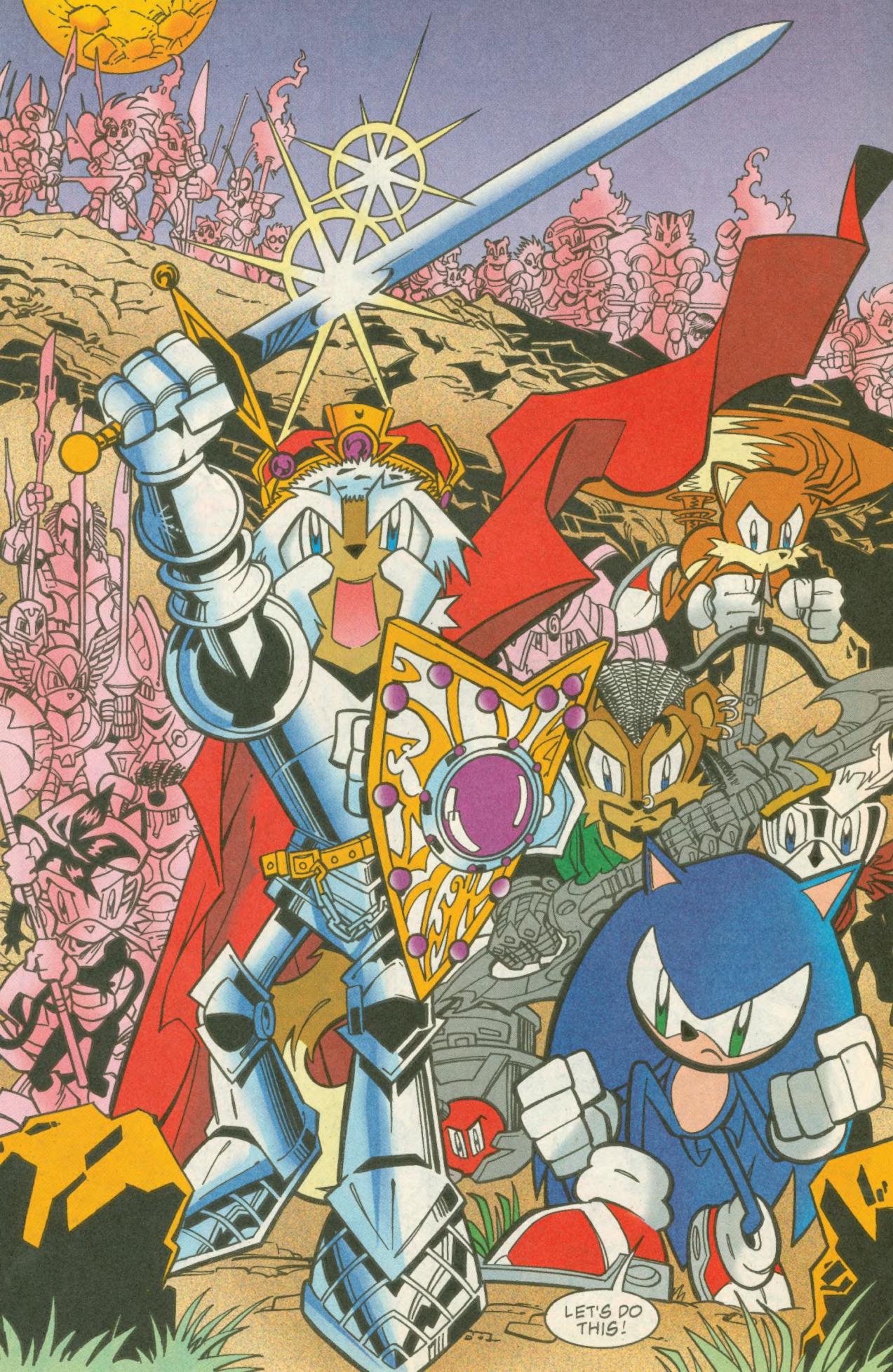
SONIC! GEOFFREY!
PRINCESS SALLY'S IN
THE MED-LAB AND SHE
WANTS TO SEE YOU
BOTH!

NO
PROBL--

ACTUALLY,
AMY ROSE,
WE'RE SET TO
RENDEZVOUS
WITH THE KING
IN MERE
MINUTES.

IT'S NOT
EXACTLY A
REQUEST. IT'S
MORE ALONG
THE LINES
OF...





LET'S DO
THIS!

Family matters

Chapter two

ROBOTNIK'S
HQ'S DEAD AHEAD,
SONIC!

YOU AND
BOMB KNOW
WHAT TO DO
NEXT,
TAILS!

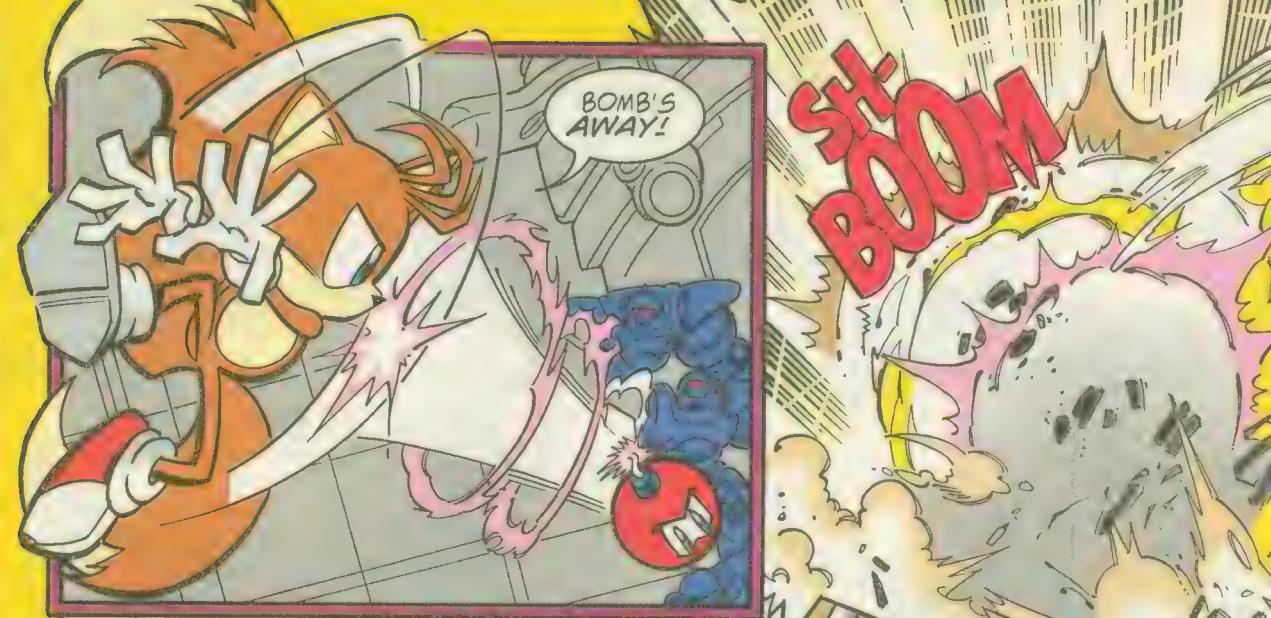
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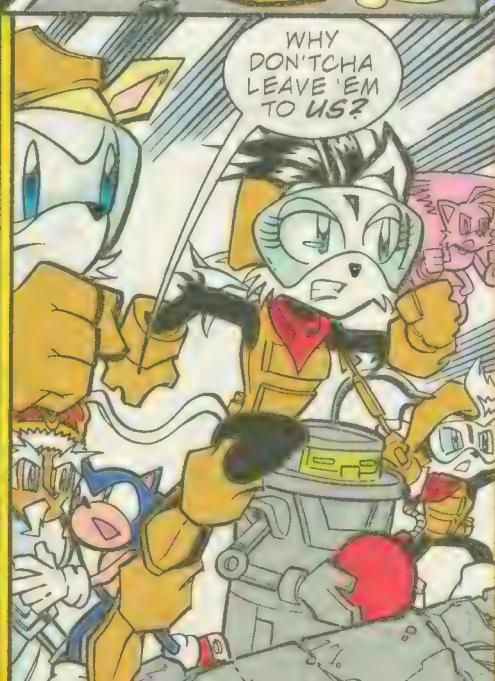
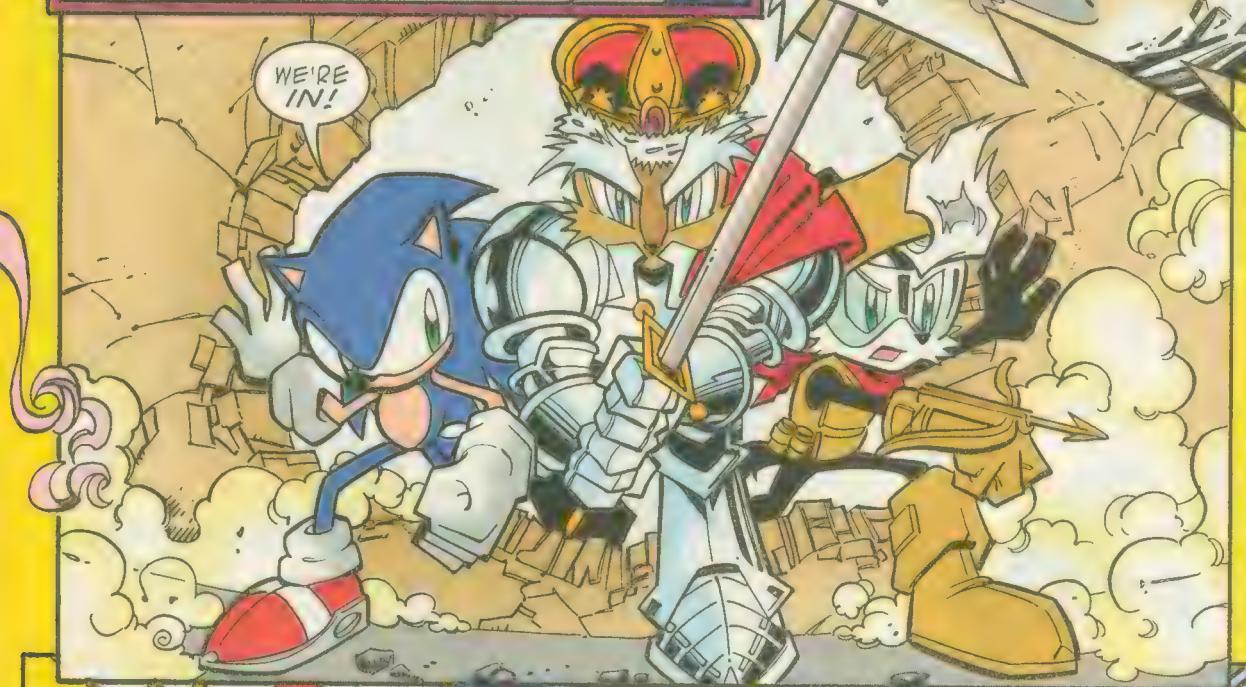
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WHAT'S THAT
COMMOTION?!

GRRR



ST' BOOM



THERE'S BEEN
A SERIOUS BREACH
IN SECURITY!

SHADOW-BOTS
--TOSS HIM INTO
THE ROBOTICIZER!

SIR CHARLES, PLEASE
DON'T DO THIS!

BECAUSE WE...
UH...SHOULD...ER...
FIND ELIAS
INSTEAD...

SONIC--WHY WON'T
YOU LET ME PARTAKE IN
THE BATTLE?

"...GEOFFREY AND
THE OTHERS CAN
HANDLE THE BOTS!"

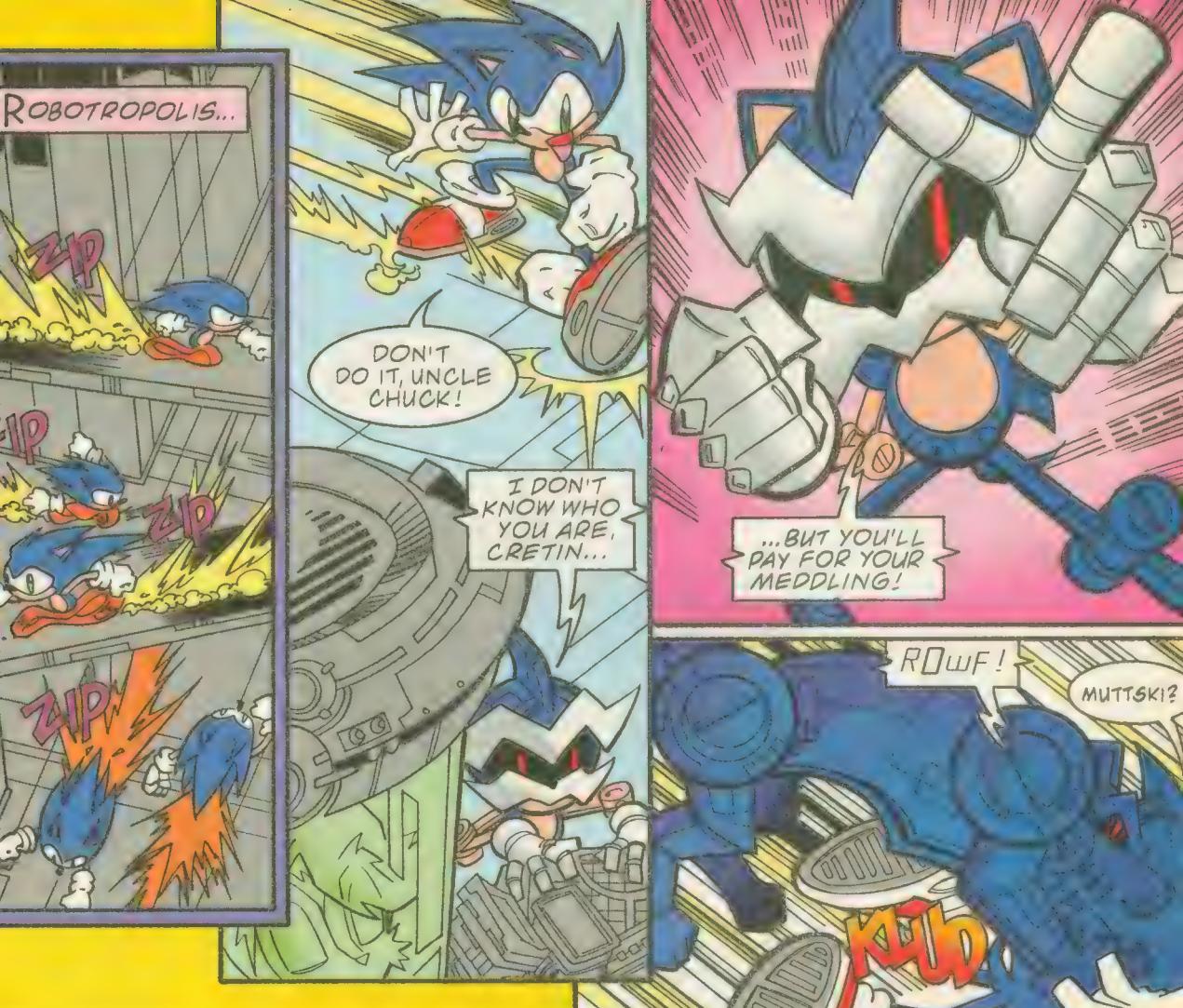
YOU'RE TOO
LATE, DOLTS!

UNCLE
CHUCK!

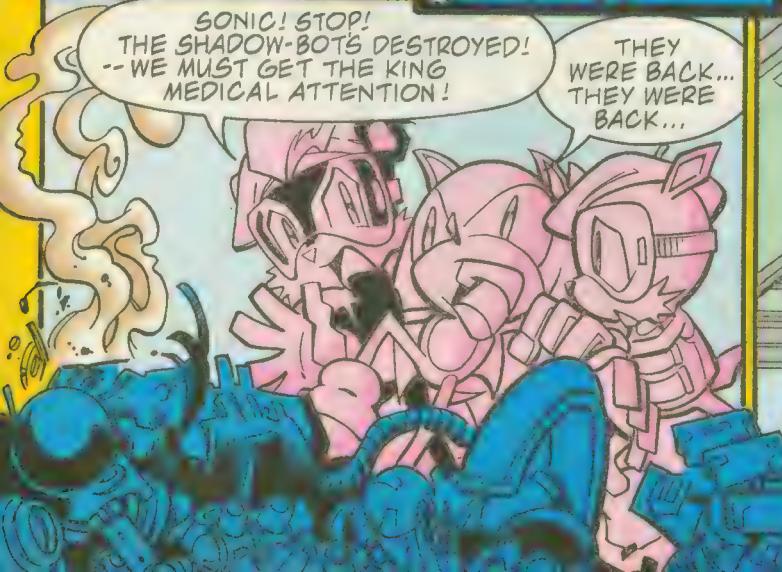
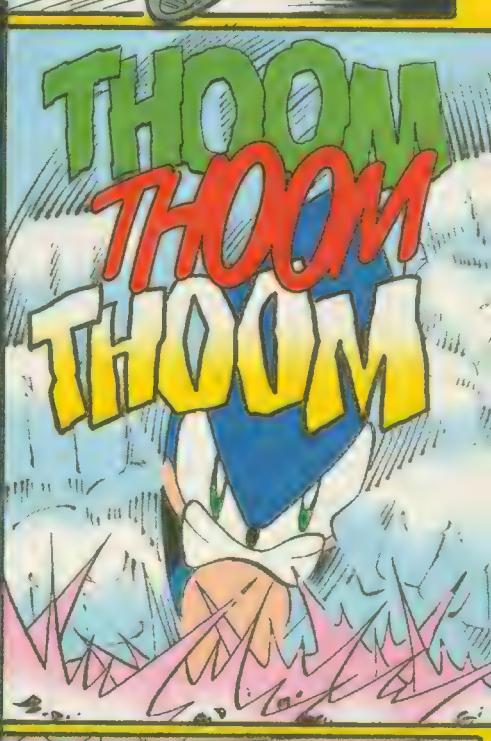
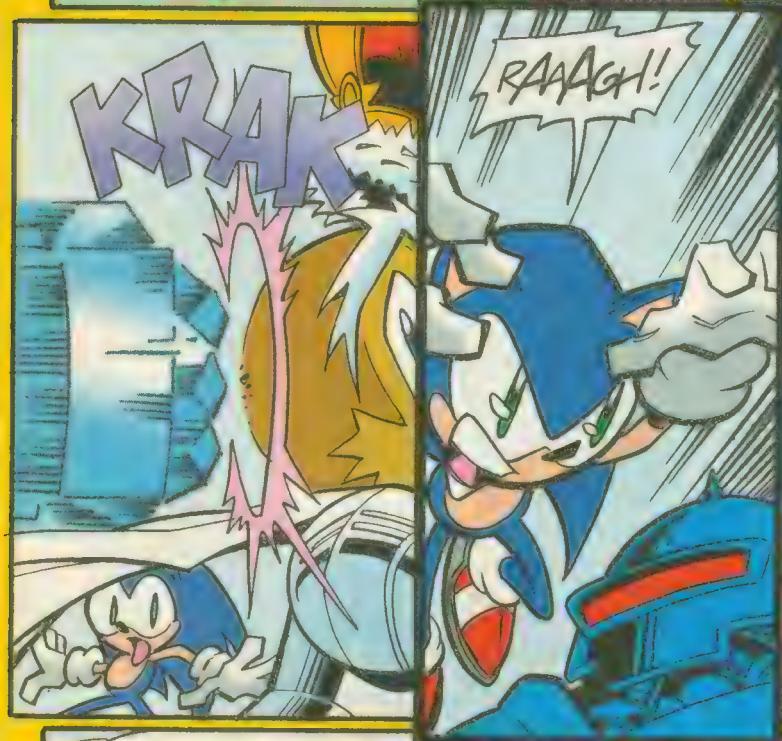
FAR, FAR
TOO LATE!

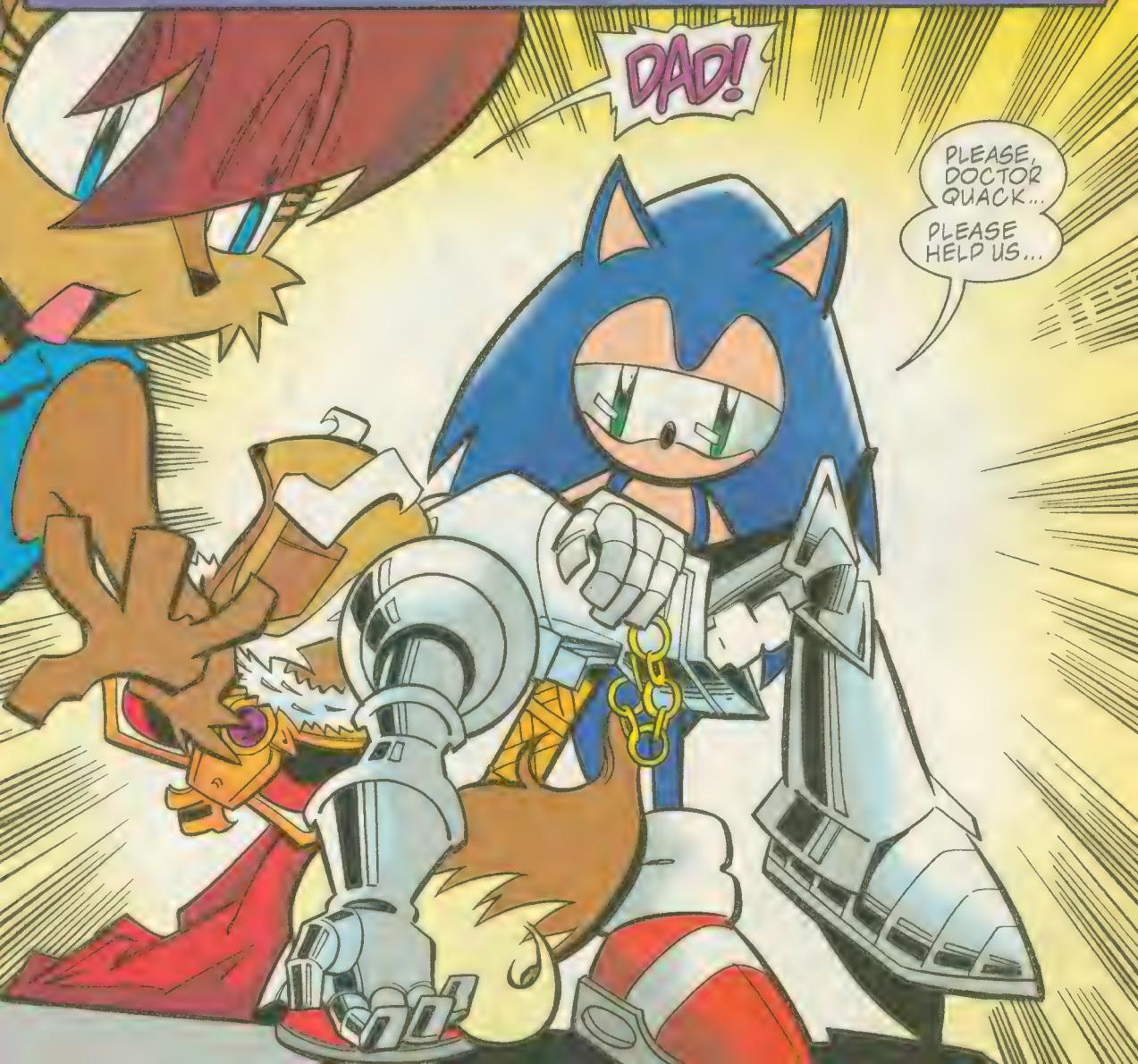
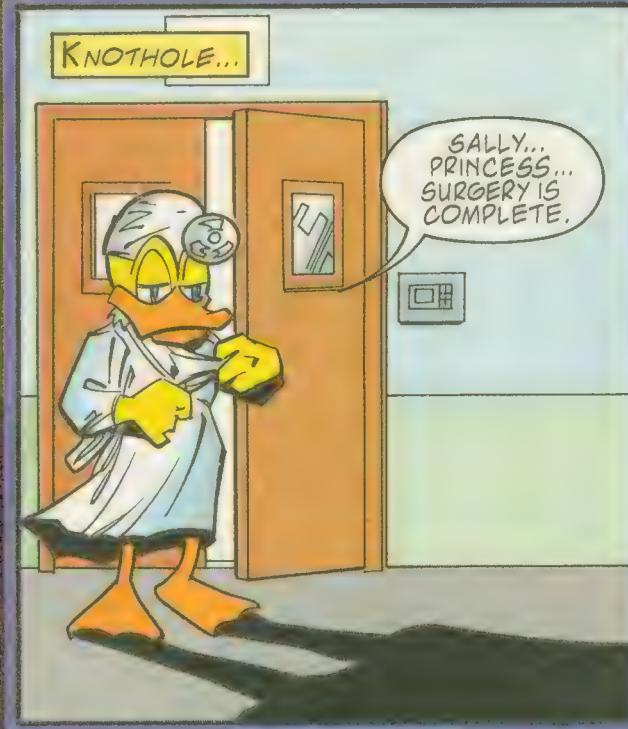
ELIAS!











Born to the most noble of Echidna houses, the latest to continue the family heritage and responsibility as Guardian of The Floating Island, defender of all against the forces of evil from the world beyond as well as those who would threaten from within!

ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!

A NEW DAY DAWNS...

BUT INSTEAD OF THE HOPE AND PROMISE ONE NORMALLY ASSOCIATES WITH THE RISING OF THE SUN--

--WE FIND SHATTERED REMAINS OF YESTERDAY'S TRAGEDY!

FOR OVER THE PAST TWELVE HOURS, EVER SINCE THE DEVASTATION UNLEASHED BY THE DARK LEGION UPON THE FLOATING ISLAND,

HAS LAID UNCONSCIOUS UPON A PIECE OF FLOATING DEBRIS, AND ONLY NOW IS FINALLY SHOWING ANY SIGN OF LIFE...

...oooh...

WHA' HAPPENED?

WHERE... AM I?



GRANDFATHER
ATHAIR??!

IN MY
PREVIOUS
INCARNATION,
YES!

PREVIOUS?

THOUGH I HAVE
EVOLVED BEYOND
THE PHYSICAL FORM
YOU RELATED TO--

--I HAVE NOT
ABANDONED YOU
DURING YOUR HOUR
OF NEED!

LIKE YOU
WOULD KNOW
WHAT
MY PROBLEM
IS!

MORE THAN
YOU COULD EVER
IMAGINE!

THE
ANSWERS
YOU SEEK
MAY BE
FOUND IN
ALBION!

ALBION??!!

JUST GET ME
TO THE FLOATING
ISLAND, THANKS!

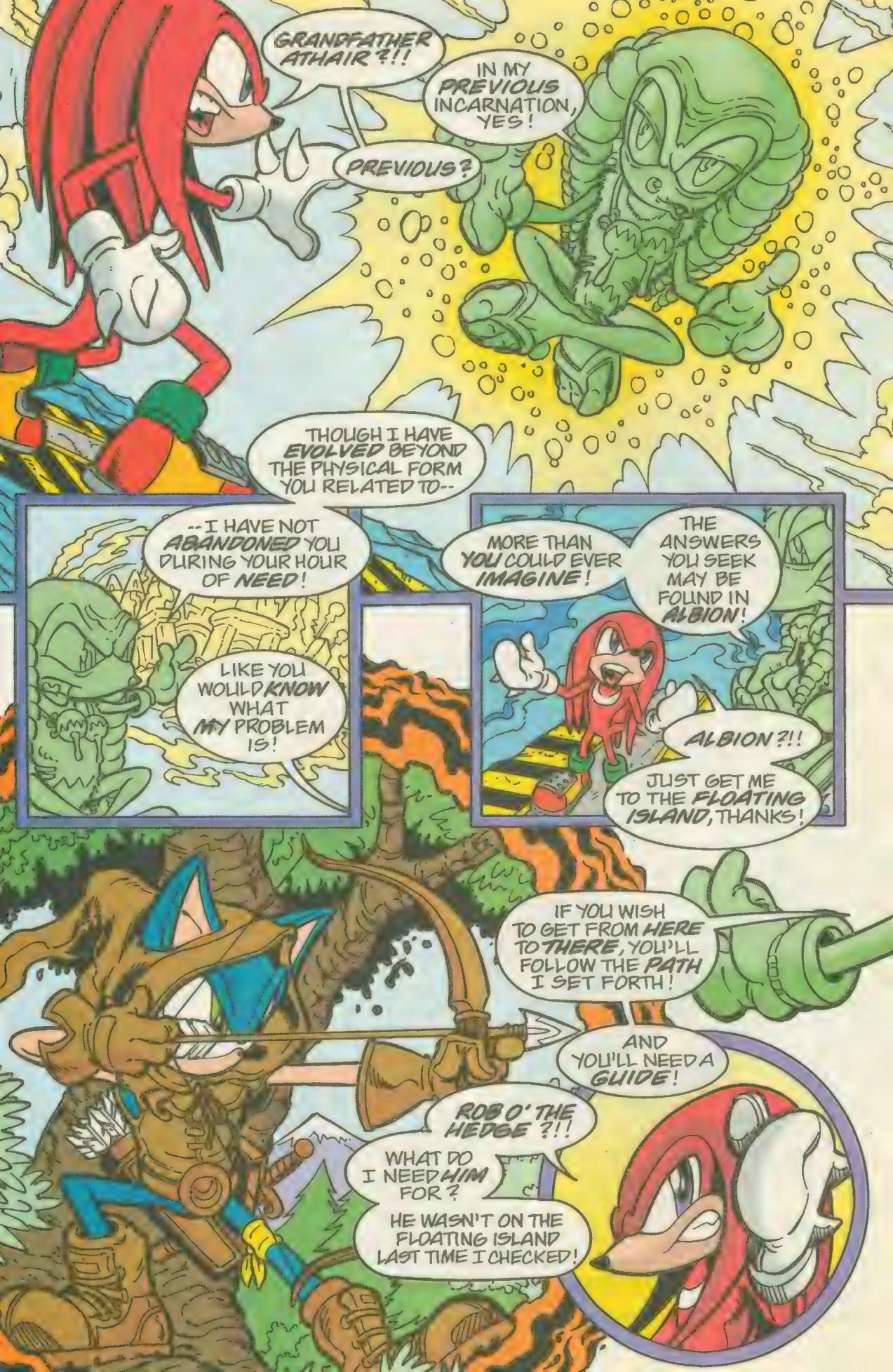
IF YOU WISH
TO GET FROM HERE
TO THERE, YOU'LL
FOLLOW THE PATH
I SET FORTH!

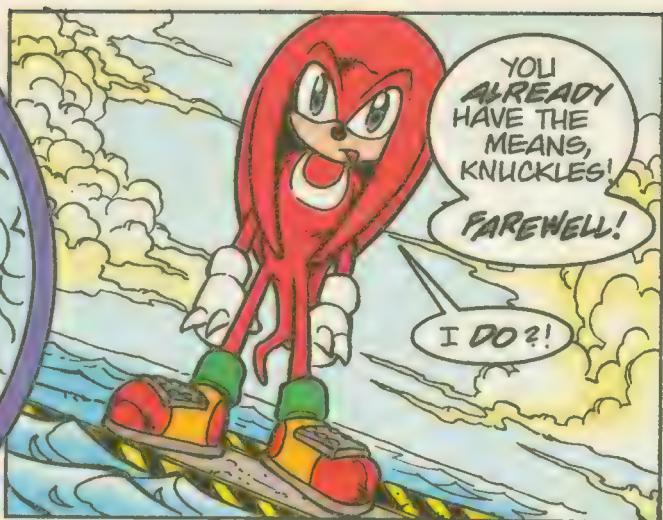
AND
YOU'LL NEED A
GUIDE!

ROB O' THE
HEDGE??!!

WHAT DO
I NEED HIM
FOR?

HE WASN'T ON THE
FLOATING ISLAND
LAST TIME I CHECKED!





ELSEWHERE, ON THE DISTANT ISLAND OF MERCIA, LOCATED IN THE NORTHERN SEAS OF MOBIUS, A NEW DAY DAWNS IN THE FOREST OF DEERWOOD...

AND IN A WOODEN HUT LOCATED AMONG THE TREE TOPS, WE FIND...

IS SOMEWHAT AMISS, MY LOVE?

THOU SEEM PERTURBED!

LIKELY, IT'S NAUGHT, MY FAIR LEMAN!

STILL, WARY OUTLAWS LIVE THE LONGER!

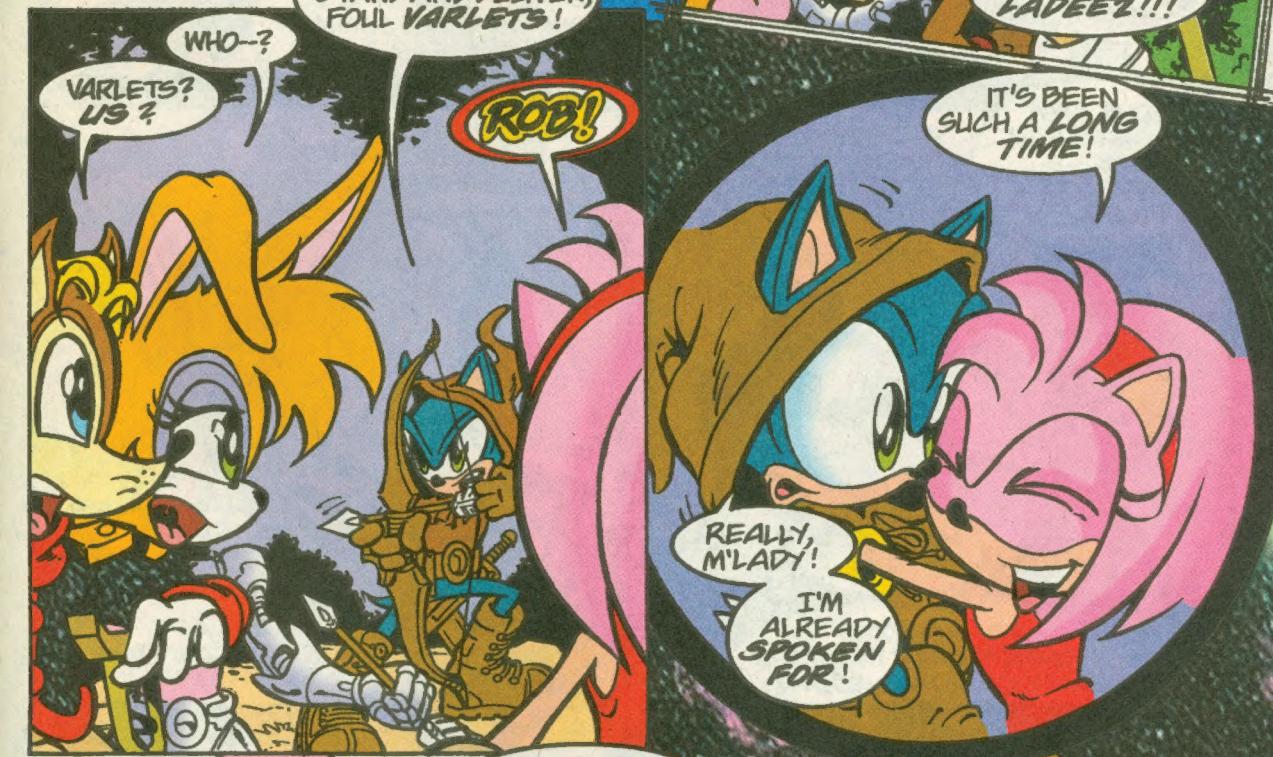
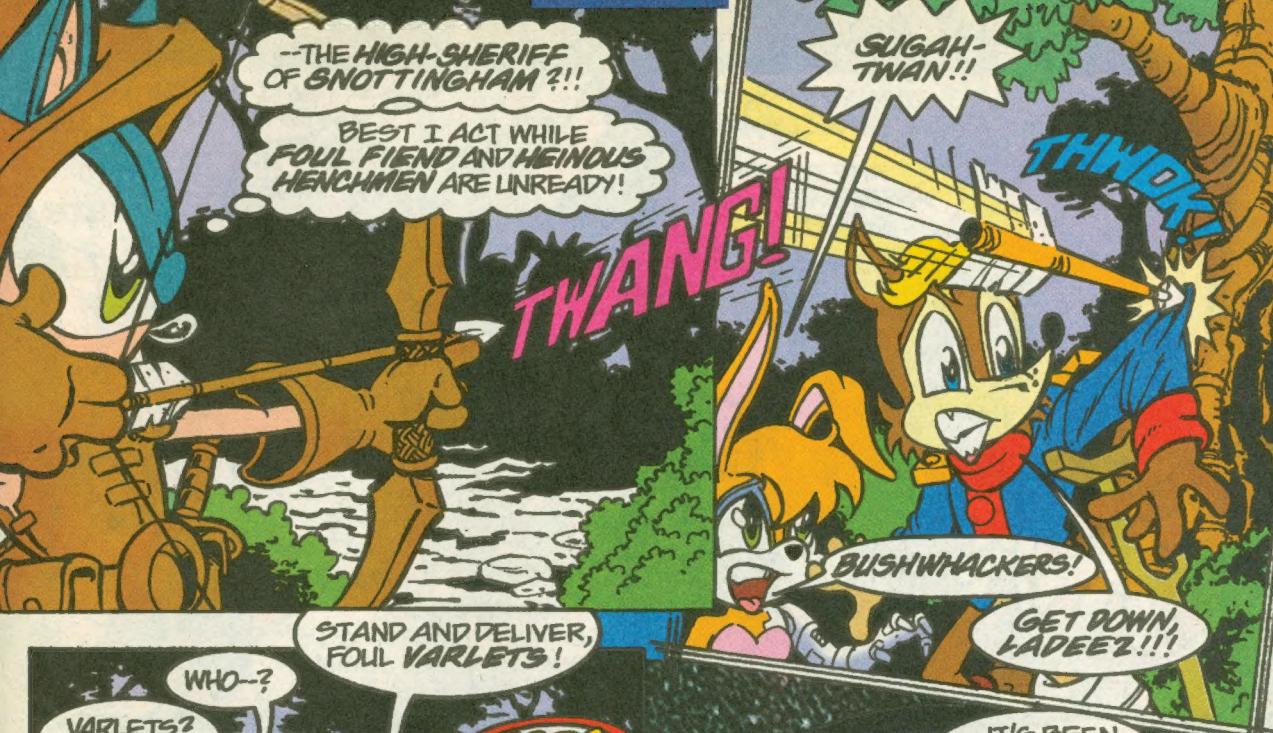
WORRY NOT--

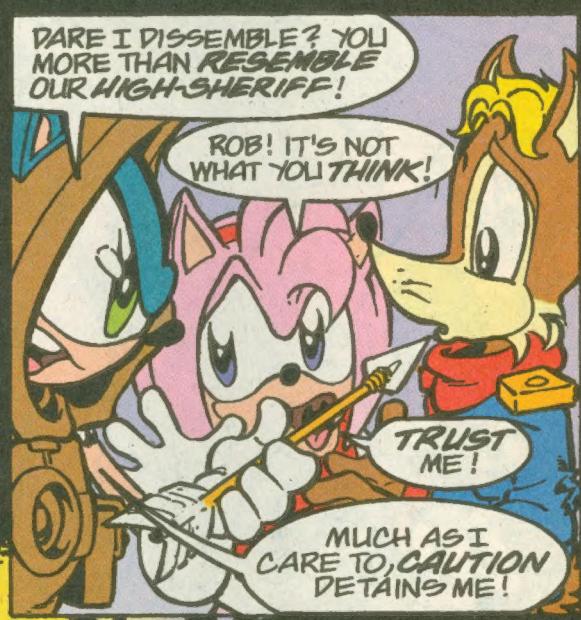
--I'LL RETURN 'ERE IN THE DAY'S EYE SLEEPS!

HO!
YONDER WALKS A CAUSE FOR UNEASE!

BUT
DO MINE EYES DECEIVE?

CANST POSSIBLY BE THAT BASEST OF BLACKGUARDS--





FRIEND KNUCKLES!
KNOWEST THOU
THIS DASTARDLY
INTRUDER?

YEAH--AND
HE'S DEFINITELY
ONE OF THE GOOD
GUYS!

SHOAH GLAD YOAH
HEAH TO SET THIS SONIC-
WANNABE STRAIGHT!

I DON'T KNOW WHY
THEY'RE HERE, ROB, BUT
THEY ARE WHO THEY
SAY THEY ARE,
INCLUDING YOUR COUSIN,
AMY ROSE!

AS FOR THE
BOWMAN, ANTOINE,
HE'S AS MUCH A
STRAIGHT ARROW
AS YOU!

I CAME HERE
IN SEARCH
OF MY
FATHER!

I CAN
RELATE!

SO WHAT WOULD
YOUR FATHER AND
THE FLOATING ISLAND
HAVE IN COMMON--

--UNLESS THE
ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND
IN ALBION?

VERILY?

LIES A
VISIT IN THE
OFFING?

I DON'T KNOW WHY,
BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE
IT'S ONLY A COINCIDENCE
WE FIVE HAVE COME
TOGETHER HERE!

SO, WHO'S
WITH ME--

NEXT:
--ON THE ROAD
TO ALBION!